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USSR (Lithuania)

SUBJECT

Road Data - Birzai, Smilgiai, Galbina, Radviliskis & Vicinity

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1. A loose-surfaced, all-weather road [] ran from Birzai (Birzhai) northeast to Smiliskai which was situated on the Lithuanian-Latvian border. This same type of a loose-surfaced, all-weather road [] ran north and northwest from Birzai to Svidsiai and Smilgiai which were also on the Lithuanian-Latvian border. Another loose-surfaced, all-weather road [] ran from Birzai southwest to Kirdomys then up northwest toward Kuhlinskai and also southward from Birzai to Jagaudsiai.
2. The above roads were approximately five meters wide. They were not constructed for heavy usage but they could bear heavy traffic. The subbase of the roads consisted of sand and clay. The top layer was of crushed rock surfaced with sand. Until 1940 Soviet heavy tanks traveled on these roads. Periodically the farmers and villagers repaired and resurfaced the roads.
3. A number of loose-surfaced, dry-weather, dirt roads [] ran in the vicinity of Radviliskis, Pasvaliesiai and Legailai. The villages were located north, northwest and west of Birzai.
4. The dirt roads were approximately five meters wide and were considered to be first class dirt roads. Occasionally the farmers and villagers resurfaced and reggraded the roads. The terrain through which these dirt roads ran was flat.
5. A number of cart tracks [] ran in the woodlands which were located approximately 10 kilometers northeast and east of Birzai. The cart tracks were from two to three meters wide and were periodically maintained as foresters used these tracks to haul the lumber out of the forest.

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